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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

In re Application of
Robert L. Thompson
Application No. 09/965,136
Filed: September 27, 2001
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
OBTAINING AND UTILIZING
MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

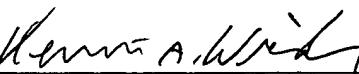
This is a decision on the Petition To Make Special under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII: accelerated examination which is treated as M.P.E.P. § 708.02, XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism, filed September 27, 2001.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(j). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

The petition includes the above requirements. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


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